

BY ALDS. BORKOWSKI, HAMILTON, COGGS, STAMPER, SPIKER, PEREZ, LEWIS, RAINEY, JOHNSON, DODD

Resolution recognizing the retirement of Rev. Father Dragan K. Veleusic and Protinica Vinka Veleusic from St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral.

Whereas,

REV. FATHER DRAGAN K. VELEUSIC & PRO TINICA VINKA VELEUSIC

retired in the City of Milwaukee after 31 years of dedicated service and leadership to the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 3201 S. 51st St.; and

WHEREAS, *Father Dragan K. Veleusic, born in 1954 in Radjic, Knezevo of the Republic of Serbia, graduated from the Seminary of St. Sava in Belgrade, Serbia, and received the first prize and recognition from the Serbian Patriarch for his thesis “The Origin of Religion”; and*

WHEREAS, *After being ordained as a deacon and priest in Belgrade by Serbian Patriarch German, Fr. Dragan served in Johannesburg, South Africa for six years, after which he was assigned as a parish priest in Galveston, Texas, and established a new Serbian Orthodox Parish in Houston, Texas; and*

WHEREAS, *In view of his dedication and knowledge, Fr. Dragan was then promoted to Secretary of the Diocese in Libertyville, Illinois and appointed in 1990 as the second priest of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Milwaukee, where he has served with distinction, commitment and integrity for more than three decades; and*

WHEREAS, *Fr. Dragan, having served the Holy Orthodox Faith and the Serbian Orthodox people on three continents, giving 31 years of his calling in service to the Serbian Orthodox congregation and Serbian community in Milwaukee, is retiring with happiness and contentment; and now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Father Dragan K. Veleusic, also on behalf of the citizens in the 11th District, who collectively offer thanks and congratulations to Fr. Dragan for his esteemed service to our community, and wish him and his lovely wife, Protinica Vinka, good health, and long life and happiness, on the occasion of their retirement; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *that a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Father Dragan K. Veleusic and Protinica Vinka Veleusic.*

Introduced by Common Council members Mark A. Borkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 21, 2021.

